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318. **(amended)** Apparatus for authorizing an action by a specific individual, comprising

biometric signature generating means for generating a present biometric signature, that comprises a ratio of measurements of unique, internal electric and/or magnetic and/or acoustic properties of a plurality of different body parts of said specific individual,

a database containing known biometric signatures representing a class of individuals, and

a comparator for comparing the present biometric signature and the known biometric signatures in said database to determine if said individual is a member of said class of individuals, and for authorizing an action by said specific individual when identified as a member of said class.

327. **(amended)** The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is accessing an area.

328. **(amended)** The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is accessing a database.

329. **(amended)** The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is authorizing a financial transaction.

330. **(amended)** The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is accessing a locked device.

331. **(amended)** The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is enabling access to transportation.

332. **(amended)** The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is accessing telecommunications equipment.

333. (amended) The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is boarding a transportation vehicle.

334. (amended) The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, including an electronic passport having known biometric signature of the individual, and a passport reader which reads the known biometric signature to allow the individual through customs when authenticated.

335. (amended) The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is administering government benefits or funds, and including a memory having an account of the individual, which includes funds/benefits values, and the mechanism includes means for adjusting the funds/benefits values in the account when the of the individual is authenticated.

336. (amended) The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is accessing a room having an access door having a handle and a lock including means to unlock the door when individual is authenticated.

340. (amended) The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is accessing electronic records stored in a memory, and including a forehead-mounted headset fitted with virtual screen glasses having a see-through mode, which allows the individual to jointly view a patient and the electronic records through the glasses, said headset having sensors for obtaining the biometric signature of the individual, a transmitter for transmitting the biometric signature to the comparator, and a receiver which receives the electronic records when the individual is authenticated.

342. (amended) The apparatus of any of claims 307 or [308-326] 320, wherein the action is monitoring the location of the individual.

344. (amended) The apparatus of any of claims 307 or ~~[308-326]~~ 320, wherein the action is tracking the individual, and the signature generating means includes a first transmitter/receiver and a GPS carried by the individual, and the comparator has an associated second transmitter/receiver in communication with the first transmitter/receiver for receiving information including the biometric signature of the individual from the first transmitter/receiver to identify and ascertain the position of the individual.

345. (amended) A method of authorizing an action by a specific individual, comprising the steps of

generating a present biometric signature that comprises a ratio of measurements of unique, internal electric and/or magnetic and/or acoustic properties of a plurality of different body parts of said specific individual,

providing a database containing known biometric signatures representing a class of individuals,

comparing the present biometric signature and the known biometric signatures in said database to determine if said individual is a member of said class of individuals, and

authorizing the action by said specific individual when identified as a member of said class.

357. (amended) Apparatus for authorizing an action by a specific individual, comprising

means for generating a present biometric signature that comprises a ratio of measurements of unique, internal electric and/or magnetic and/or acoustic properties of a plurality of different body parts of said specific individual,

a database containing known biometric signatures representing a class of individuals,